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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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WEATHER Snow fell over the state on Monday night, with amounts ranging from light along the northern border portion of the state to moderate to heavy over most of the central, south-central, and eastern portions. This was followed by sunny and cold weather until the week-end, when temperatures moderated to above normal, with rather high readings for the season in the west.

December was unusually mild, and rather dry. The only precipitation of consequence was the snow which occurred during the 30th, extending into the next day over the eastern half of the state. There was much sunshine, and humidity was generally rather low.

CROPS Snow halted the harvesting of the relatively small acreage of corn and sorghums that was not yet picked or combined. Gleaning operations also were stopped in areas where snowfall was heaviest. Livestock continued to forage in corn and sorghum fields, but snow hindered pasturing and recovery of fallen grain. Some areas are still bothered with high moisture grain, although drying winds in recent weeks have helped reduce moisture content. Artificial drying still continues but at a declining rate. A large part of the sorghum grain crop has moved into storage.

Winter wheat and rye continue in excellent condition. Snow helped restore surface soil moisture in areas that were getting a little dry, and provided good protection against low temperatures that occurred over much of the state.

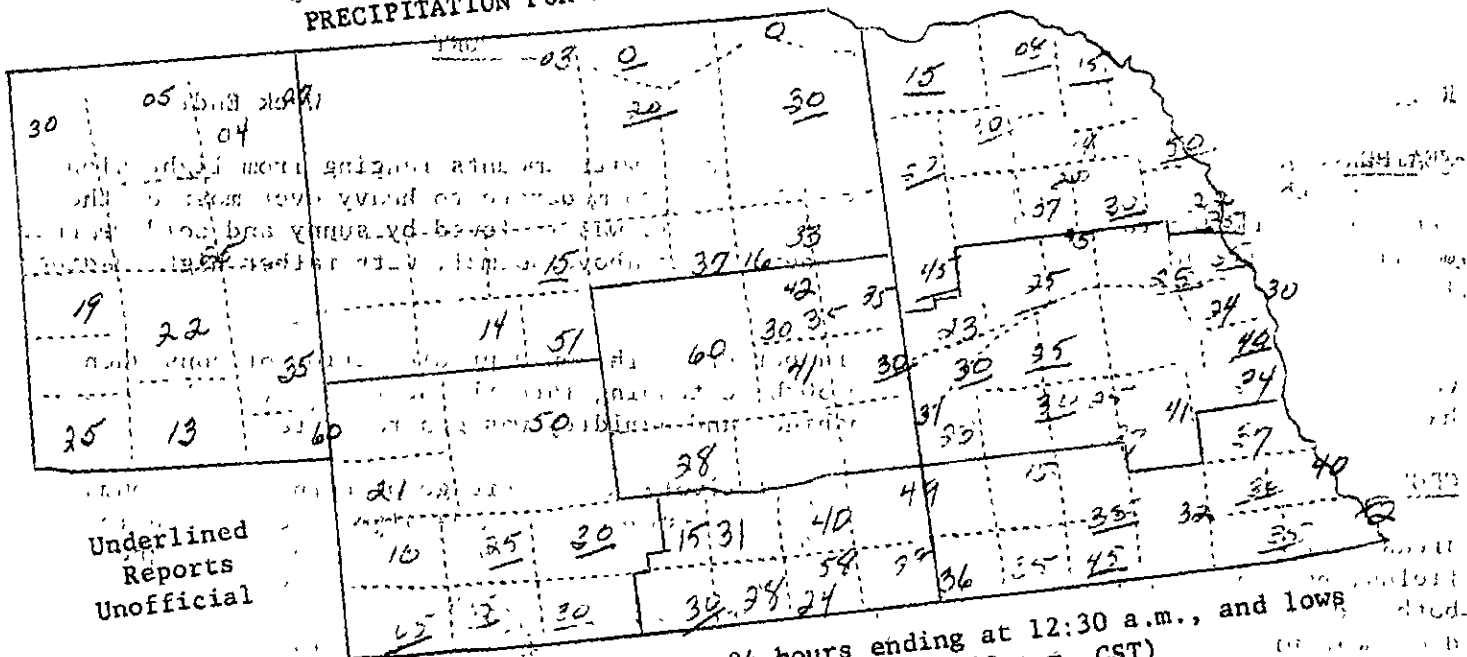
Feeding of hay, roughage and grain supplies to livestock was stepped up as use of field forages was restricted. Open weather during most of the fall and winter has favored full use of ranges, and all kinds of pasturing. Hay and feed supplies are adequate to abundant in all sections of the state.

LIVESTOCK Demand continues strong for all kinds of feeding and breeding livestock. Asking prices reflect a short supply and bidders are cautious in buying. Many producers are restocking or planning to expand livestock production from the low level resulting from recent drought. Currently, livestock feeding is well below a level that feed and hay supplies would warrant.

WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING JANUARY 3, 1958

	<u>East</u>		<u>Central</u>		<u>West</u>
Grand Island	.29	Burwell	.16	Chadron	.05
Lincoln	.41	North Platte	.50	Imperial	.03
Norfolk	.37	Valentine	.03	Scottsbluff	.19
Omaha	.30			Sidney	.08
Sioux City	.16				

PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING JANUARY 6, 1958



HIGHEST AND LOWEST TEMPERATURE (Highs for 24 hours ending at 12:30 a.m., and lows for 12 hours ending at 6:30 a.m. CST)

		December 31st		January 1st		2nd		3rd		4th		5th		6th	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	29	3	27	1	36	2	37	4	41	10	45	21	48	22
	Scottsbluff	29	0	23	-5	35	-7	37	0	33	6	37	15	43	18
	Sidney	28	6	26	-1	43	8	41	8	39	8	44	21	52	26
NC	Burwell	33	8												
	Valentine	29	-3	28	-1	33	1	32	9	35	12	48	11	53	30
	Norfolk	23	7	18	-4	26	-4	16	-8	19	1	23	17	42	27
NE	Sioux City	24	13	22	-3	20	2	18	-2	16	7	30	10	40	24
	Grand Island	26	12	17	-5	26	-4	22	-3	19	-1	36	31	38	30
	Lincoln	26	14	22	-3	35	8	22	2	20	9	53	25	56	45
EC	Omaha	25	14	18	-4	18	3	14	-3	17	5	46	15	39	15
	Imperial	28	7	--	-1	39	2	39	4	31	3	28	3		
	North Platte	32	3	25	-7	25	-7	26	-3	21	-2				

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